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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE OF FONMIN QUINTANA

SUMMARY: FONMIN QUINTANA CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 27 TO TREAT VARIOUS THEMES, MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH WERE CARTER-PEREZ FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA AND EMBASSY PROTECTION OF CHARITON (SEPTEL). END SUMMARY

1. QUINTANA BEGAN PRESS CONFERENCE REFERRING TO A UPI STORY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA WHICH SAID PEREZ WOULD RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN NICARAGUA IN TERMS OF U.S. NOT BEING FIRM ENOUGH AGAINST SOMOZA.

QUINTANA DISMISSED THE ISSUE AS BEING JOURNALISTIC LICENSE INASMUCH AS CAP IS RESPONSIBLE LEADER WHO WOULDN'T SAY SUCH THINGS. HOWEVER, QUINTANA LATER DID REFER TO AMBASSADOR MAACHIN'S OAS INTERVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA AS DEFAMATORY. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AS ELECTIONS APPROACH IN VENEZUELA PASSIONS BECOME AROUSED AND REASON BECOMES CLOUDED. NEVERTHELESS HE REFERRED TO NICARAGUAN-VENEZUELAN RELATIONS AS CORDIAL.

2. OTHER ISSUES WERE RAISED IN THE Q&A PERIOD. QUINTANA REFERRED TO AN IAHRG VISIT, WHICH HE SAID WAS NOT YET SCHEDULED AND WOULD

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NOT BE APPROPRIATE DURING A PERIOD OF GUERRILLA ATTACKS AND ALSO WAS PREMATURE IN THAT THE IAHRG WOULD NOT MEET UNTIL LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY. ASKED ABOUT THE CHAMORRO ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION, QUINTANA SAID IN A LENGTHY EXPOSITION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW THAT ARTICLE 54 OF THE NICARAGUAN CONSTITUTION, WHICH PROHIBITS EXTRADITION OF NATIONALS, COULD PROHIBIT RAMOS' EXTRADITION BECAUSE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY. (N.B. EMBASSY STILL HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO

ITS REQUEST FOR DEPT'S LEGAL OPINION ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS ISSUE.

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